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NOT Guilty

2G Scam: Former Telecom Minister A. Raja, MP Kanimozhi, 15 others acquitted

New Delhi, Dec. 21- Former Telecom Minister A. Raja and DMK MP M. Kanimozhi and 15 others were acquitted this morning of charges in what was described as India's biggest telecom scandal, the "2G Scam".

The Judge said investigators could not prove that Raja, along with officials from companies that won the licenses for telecom services, had conspired to receive kickbacks from the sale of phone permits, causing a loss of Rs. 1.76 lakh crore to the Government.

A. Raja *M. Kanimozhi*

Reading the operative part of the judgement, the Judge said: "I have no hesitation in holding that the prosecution has miserably failed to prove the charges and all the accused are acquitted of the charges."

The case became the centrepiece of allegations of egregious corruption on then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's watch. But as the Congress called it a vindication of their Government, the ruling BJP has pointed out that the Supreme Court had accepted that there was corruption and cancelled all 122 licenses handed out by Raja.

Reacting to the verdict, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley pointed out that the Supreme Court had in 2012 held that the 2G policy of the Congress-led UPA Government was "corrupt and dishonest". Jaitley said: "That this was a corrupt, dishonest policy was upheld by the SC in February 2012. Each and every case of spectrum allocation was quashed by the SC as unfair and arbitrary."

Raja, who had defended himself in Court and cross-examined all the witnesses, was in tears. So were his family members. The former Minister spent nearly one year in prison after his arrest in 2011. Kanimozhi, the daughter of DMK Chief M. Karunanidhi said: "Justice has prevailed."

The "2G" trial began in 2011, a year after the national auditor said in its report that there had been massive irregularities in the allocation of second generation or 2G licences when Raja was the Minister. The auditor said licences were given to telecom operators in 2007-2008 at throwaway prices without a free and fair bidding process.

Named along with Raja in the scandal were the promoters and top executives of some of India's best-known telecoms including the one owned by Anil Ambani's conglomerate.

The CBI had alleged that a Rs. 200-crore bribe paid by a telecom operator to Raja was deposited in a TV channel in Chennai that is owned in part by Kanimozhi.

The 2G scam was among the major corruption scandals that came to light during the second term of Manmohan Singh's coalition government.

After hoodwinking law

7 times, rape accused surrenders

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (SPN,RK& BCT)- The Sixth Additional District and Sessions Court is all set to pronounce the judgement in a rape case where a politician, masquerading as a VIP, had allegedly raped a minor in 2014.

The judgement will be pronounced today at 3 pm and the accused here is K.J. Mahesh Gowda who has the habit of being in the limelight by posing for photos with important personalities. He projected himself as an influential person by posting photos on social media with senior police officers and even dressing up as Police Inspector – 'Singham style'.

After dodging the Judgement Day for seven times, Mahesh Gowda finally surrendered before the Court yesterday evening and he was accompanied by his advocates Dikkannanavar and Shivaswamy. Hearing the accused, the Court sent him to judicial custody for a day and the Judge Vijayakumar M. Pauthi said that he would deliver the verdict today.

Mahesh Gowda

Mahesh Gowda, who was the president of Mysore district BSR Congress, was accused of raping a minor and the girl had delivered a child and even the DNA tests have proved that it is Mahesh Gowda's child.

The rape case was reported in 2014 and Mahesh faces charges under provisions of the IPC and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. Vidyaranyapuram Police had filed a chargesheet against him. In her statement, the victim had told the Police that Mahesh Gowda, then 28 years old, repeatedly raped her and her parents encouraged it as he was bailing out the family financially.

The case was heard and the trial was completed sometime back. On Dec. 13, the judge issued a proclamation order against the accused as he had continuously abstained from the Court for the seventh time, hampering judgement delivery. The judge then adjourned the hearing to Dec. 21 and at the same time, declared him as a proclaimed offender.

(See ACCUSED on page 9)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Thursday 21st December 2017

Advisory on advertisements

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of companies in India mandates the corporate sector to give something back to the society on the ideology that companies take resources in the form of raw materials, human resources and so on from the societal sources. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has notified the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 relating to CSR which may change the *face* of Indian Corporate business also. The threshold limit for applicability of the CSR to a company is defined in terms of *a) Net worth* of the company to be Rs. 500 crore or more, *b) Turnover* of the company to be Rs. 1,000 crore or more and *c) Net profit* of the company to be Rs. 5 crore or more in a fiscal. As per the rules in the Act, these provisions are not only applicable to Indian companies, but also applicable to project offices of a foreign company in India. Every qualifying company requires spending of at least 2 per cent of its average net profit for the immediately preceding 3 financial years on CSR activities. Flexibility is also permitted to the companies by allowing them to choose their preferred CSR engagements that are in *conformity* with CSR policy.

The activities that can be pursued by the company to achieve CSR obligations include eradicating extreme hunger and poverty in the country, promotion of education, promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality, ensuring environmental sustainability, employment enhancing vocational skills and so on. One is prompted to remark that the government passed on its own *responsibility* to society to the companies on the sly.

The central point of CSR Act that the companies have to give back to the society in cash from their profits is well taken. The government reserves its right to act as a *regulator* of the manner in which the companies carry on with the business in relation to society's welfare, particularly the portrayal of their products in the public space, namely their advertisements. In this context, the government order asking TV channels *not to air* ads to promote condoms between 6 am and 10 pm has led to an interesting development. While the Health Ministry is trying to push contraceptive use with specific focus on *spacing* methods for family planning, the Information and Broadcasting Ministry is poised to undo decades of *progress* on sexual and reproducing health, by restricting the channel in advertising condoms, according to India's health groups.

There is no question of compromising on the nation's need to arrest the expansion of its headcount for obvious reasons. Restricting the ad of a contraceptive tool such as condoms is likely to stifle the *demand* for the product and thus hurt government's own policy of population control.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GHEE WAPSI: ***When I was a small boy, all the cooking in our home was done in** asli **ghee, and the** aslier **the better. Ghee was good for your health. In winter, a spoonful of ghee would protect you against colds and ghee with a few peppercorns added was supposed to improve your eyesight. By the time I became a teenager, however, ghee had undergone a total transformation. Like those Bollywood villains who were all charm and suaveness outside, and evil inside, ghee was exposed as the baddie it was. In those days, people didn't use words like cholesterol, or triglycerides, but ghee became the prime suspect if people put on too much weight and developed heart problems.***

So what did one use as a substitute for the villainous ghee? The answer was a generic product called** vanaspati. **It was widely believed that, unlike ghee, *vanaspati* wouldn't make you put on weight, or get heart disease. Ads, showing a proudly smiling mom feeding her family stacks of** puris **and** parathas, **all fried in** vanaspati, **endorsed the goodness of this new-found cooking medium.

***Then – horror of horrors – it was revealed that** vanaspati **was made of something called hydrogenated fat which was as deadly to your health as the hydrogen bomb it sounded like.** — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's most expensive wine!

Madrid: With prices starting at 25,000 euros per bottle, AurumRed Gold is considered the world's most expensive wine. It is made from Tempranillo vines that have to be at least 100 years old, but what really sets it apart from other wines is the use of ozone therapy, an alternative medicine treatment generally used to treat cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis and more. Hilario Garcia, who produces the AurumRed Gold wine on a small vineyard in La Mancha, Spain, became familiar with ozone therapy after using it to ease a condition of the spine when his lower body paralyzed. After experiencing success with the treatment, he decided to experiment in his lab, and attempt to apply it to winemaking by ozonating the water that irrigates the vines. Another explanation for the high price is the wine's scarcity, as the wine comes from 250 centenary vine stocks. Of these, 150 bottles are reserved for regular buyers and only 30% of AurumRed Gold is sold in Spain, with the rest going to customers abroad. His AurumRed Silver Edition sells for $450.

Master plan!!

Dublin: Two male Irish friends, neither of which is gay, have decided to get married in order to avoid paying a hefty inheritance tax. It sounds like the plot of a Hollywood comedy, only in real life.

Michael O'Sullivan, from Stoneybatter, north Dublin, has been friends with Matt (surname not disclosed for privacy reasons) for almost 30 years. Both are in their 80s, and O'Sullivan is now Matt's caretaker and stands to inherit his home and other possessions. Unfortunately, because of Ireland's Capital Acquisitions Tax (Cat), which applies to gifts and inheritances over specified amounts, Matt would have to pay 33% to the government. However, the tax does not apply to gifts or inheritance given to a spouse or civil partner, so the two men decided that the best way would be to get married. The pair initially planned to marry on December 22, but have delayed the ceremony to January due to weather concerns. Same-sex marriage was legalised by popular vote in Ireland on 16 Nov. 2015, via a referendum that took place on 22 May 2015.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

How many people die each year from medical mistakes?

A Johns Hopkins study over an 8-year period revealed a shocking statistic: Over 2,50,000 people die each year from mistakes caused by the American health care system. Medical errors are the third leading cause of death in the United States.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Kautilya Vidyalaya to celebrate Annual Day tomorrow

Dr. Chidananda Bidari *Dr. Ajay*

Mysuru, Dec. 21 - Kautilya Vidyalaya will be holding '*Ajjanondige Hejje-Ajjiyondige Gejje*,' a programme dedicated to the undivided family, in which grandparents participate enthusiastically in the cultural programmes along with their grand children. The event has been organised as part of its 13th Annual Day at Kalamandira tomorrow (Dec.22) at 10 am.

The programme will be inaugurated by Kuvempu University former Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda and his wife Tarini Chidananda Gowda. Retired DG and IGP Shankar Bidari will be the guest of honour.

On the occasion, achievers in social service will be conferred '*Sarthaka Seve*' and '*Yashaswi Sadhakaru*' awards.

This will be followed by *Kautilya Sadagara*, the Annual Day celebration with the theme '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.*' The programme will be inaugurated by Dr. M.N. Ajay Nagabhushan, Commissioner for Cane Development and Director of Sugar, Government of Karnataka, at 3 pm. Kautilya Vidyalaya Chairman R. Raghu will preside over both the events.

Kautilya Ratna awardees

Varuni *Shwetha* *Pushpa*

Like every year, Kautilya Vidyalaya will be presenting *Kautilya Ratna* awards to three teachers, K.M. Varuni, G.C. Shwetha and M.P. Pushpa. The award comprises Rs. 10,000 in cash and a citation.

City girl for Music Reality Show

Mysuru, Dec. 21 - **R. Tanushree,** an 8th std. student of Kautilya Vidyalaya, has been selected to take part in the Music Reality Show *SAREGAMAPA Little Champs* hosted by a Kannada TV channel.

A resident of Ramakrishnagar in city, Tanushree was introduced to music by her mother who taught her gamaka and light music. She is currently learning Karnatak music from Koviladi R. Kala and light music from Sunitha Chandrakumar. She has won many awards including Balashree and Kalashree. Daughter of D.N. Raghavendra and M.V. Shubha, Tanushree has taken part in many events including Alva's Nudisiri-2017.

Really...?

- ***The first Granite Temple of the world, Brihadeswara Temple, is situated in Tamil Nadu. It was built during the 11th century, in only five years.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little Raju was eating chocolates in a bus.
A man said: *Do you know that too much of chocolates is not good?* ***Raju:*** *My grand-father lived up to 132 years.*
The man: *Was it because of eating chocolates?*
Raju: *No, he always minded his own business !*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 64.06
1 UK Pound	Rs. 85.61
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.44
1 Euro	= Rs. 76.02

VOICE OF THE READER

An apology of Swachh Mysuru in Vontikoppal !

Sir,

This photo of overflowing garbage in Vontikoppal speaks volumes about the indifference of Mysureans to keep our city clean. On one hand we have several high-level committee meetings, call by Heads of various religions, participation by committed NGOs, marches by students etc., to create awareness on keeping city clean. Why are all such efforts ineffective to stop this kind of shocking scenes of garbage all over the city?

It is easy to blame the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) but are we justified? What is the responsibility of the citizens? Why are we putting garbage outside the garbage bin even when it is not full? How many residents complain to their Corporators about the failure of MCC to remove garbage on time? Finally, how diligent are we in paying property tax so that MCC has enough revenue to spend the required amount for garbage handling? The list of residents' non-involvement is long.

We often give the example of Singapore when we discuss clean city. The most important factor for such a development is the huge penalty imposed on those who throw garbage on the road. Will we be able to adopt such a strict regulation?

Only when every resident gets involved in keeping the city clean, Mysuru can get back the cleanest city award we got two years back.

— Bhamy V. Shenoy
Mysuru
15.12.2017

Classical music workshop from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1

Mysuru, Dec. 21- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru, is organising the annual classical music workshop from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1 between 4.30 pm and 6 pm everyday at the Pranic Healing Centre, 510, 13th Main, Saraswathipuram. The theme for the workshop this year by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar is Lord Rama.

She has planned to teach one Devaranama on each day along with a classical item like Varna, Krithi or Thillana. Those who are interested to take part in the workshop may contact Meera Manjunath on Mob: 91139-25673 or Lalitha Srinivasan on Mob: 96635-82045.

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Japanese Professor at SJCE

Mysuru, Dec. 21- Japanese Professor Akira Mizuno will be conducting a five-day teaching programme on "Applied Electrostatics and Non Thermal Plasma for Environmental Applications and Control of Bio Particles" at SJCE from today till Dec. 25.

The programme, held under Global Initiative for the Academic Networks (GIAN), an ambitious programme of MHRD, reflects the thrust area of research and aims at providing knowledge to the participants to acquire competencies. Students, researchers and faculty members of the related area may take part in the programme.

The course is co-ordinated by Prof. A.D. Srinivasan, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering.

Dr. S. Srinath is the Principal Nodal Officer of GIAN, according to a press release from SJCE Principal Dr. T.N. Nagabhushan.

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Today	107.51 ft
Yesterday	107.78 ft
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Outflow	3,219 cusecs
Last year on this date	79.20 ft

Amity Round Table donates incinerator to Rotary Midtown

MART-156 Chairman Tabler Anirudh Ranga seen handing over the cheque to Rtn. Narendra Babu as Tabler Sheethal Jain, Vice-Chairman, MART-156 and Rtn. Naveen Chandra, Hon. Secretary of Rotary Midtown, look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 21- The joint meeting of Rotary Mysore Midtown and Mysore Amity Round Table-156 (MART-156) was held recently at Rotary Centre on JLB Road. MART-156 Chairman Tabler Anirudh Ranga presented a brief profile of Round Table India and said their main motto was *Freedom Through Education,* wherein they provide infrastructure to schools and reading materials and smart classes for the schools.

Rtn. Gopal and Rtn. P. Ramakrishna of Rotary Midtown briefed on various projects done by the Club in Mysuru under the aegis of the matching grants.

Anirudh Ranga donated a cheque for Rs. 69,000 towards the Incinerator project of the Club.

Dr. Prahlad Bayari proposed a vote of thanks.

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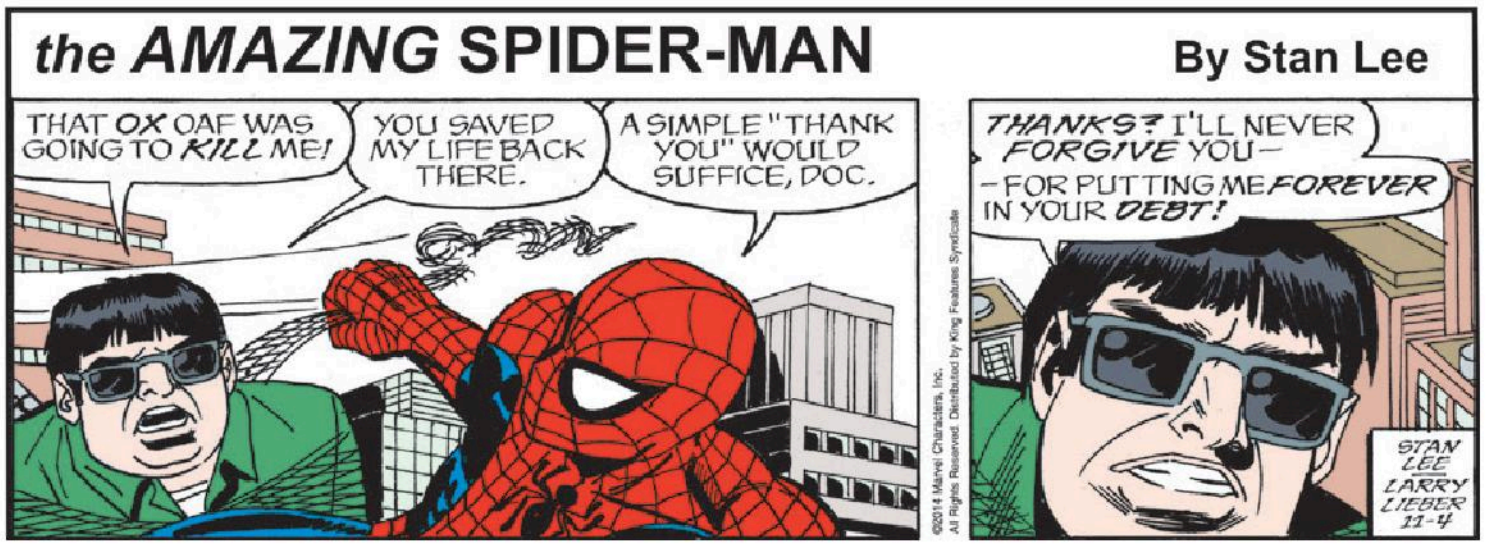
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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Venkataramana Bhat, Sanskrit Teacher, Sarada Vilas Girls High School, Mysuru, on Dec. 23 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Screening short videos

Kalasuruchi is screening prize-winning videos from a competition organised by 'Rally for Rivers' movement — Turtle Boy, NI VE - NA VAA and Naa Kaveri at Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, on Dec. 23 at 6 pm. For details, contact Tejaswini on Mob: 95914-53066, according to a press release.

Entries invited for food and cake fest

The District Administration along with Mysore District Hoteliers and Bakers Association and Mysore Travels Association have organised Mysuru Winter Festival from Dec.23 to Jan.1. The popular 'food and cake festival' as part of the event will be held from Dec. 27 to 29 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry here daily from 8 am to 10 pm. Those interested to exhibit their products can contact the Deputy Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies on Ph: 0821-2422107, Mob:96111 65367 or 9902248619, according to a press release.

Health camp tomorrow

Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, in association with Lions Club of Mysore South, Apoorva Sneha Balaga, KMPK Charitable Trust and Arunodaya School for Special Children, has organised a free heart and breast cancer screening camp at VMV Balabodhini Higher Primary School on JLB Road in Chamundipuram tomorrow (Dec.22) from 9 am to 1.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 93421-84634 or 94497-27124, according to a press release.

Niranthara Ranga Utsava from Dec.26

Niranthara Ranga Utsava has been organised by Niranthara Foundation at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises from Dec.26 to 30. The theatre fest will be inaugurated by Kannada and Culture Director N.R. Vishukumar at 6.15 pm on Dec.26. Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Theatre Director Prasad Kundur and Journalist Ravi Koti will be present. Everyday plays will be staged at 7 pm. Dec.26: Swapna Vasavadatta, Dec.27: Vaali Vadhe, Dec.28: Maharaja Ubu, Dec.29: We Teach Life..., Dec.30 Mundana Kathana.

Work on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway upgradation to begin in January

Bengaluru, Dec.21 (KMS& BCT)- The ambitious and long-pending eight-lane conversion of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway will begin by January-end following an assurance of speedy clearance to the project by the Centre. The project will be taken up in two packages at a cost of Rs.4,149 crore, said Public Works Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

Addressing press persons in Bengaluru yesterday, the Minister said that the Centre had given its nod for the project and it would be soon placed before the Union Cabinet. The project will be taken through a Hybrid Annuity Model, a new concept introduced by the Government to take up infrastructure projects.

The project will be split into two packages — Bengaluru-Nidaghatta (56.2 km) and Nidaghatta-Mysuru (64.14 km). While the first package will cost Rs. 1,980 crore, the second one will cost Rs. 2,169 crore.

The Union Government will fund 50% of the project and the State will raise the remaining funds, he said. The roads will have multiple toll collection booths. Six lanes will be part of the toll road, while two lanes will be service roads for towns along the Highways, where toll will not be collected. The new Highway is expected to cut the travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru to 90 minutes. Toll booths will be set up at Bidadi, Ramanagaram, Channapatna, Maddur, Mandya and Srirangapatna. Users will have to pay only for the distance travelled rather than paying for the entire stretch.

"Projects below Rs. 2,000 crore can be cleared by the Union Transport Minister (Nitin Gadkari) and those above Rs.2,000 crore will need to be approved in the Union Cabinet. I have met Gadkari and he has assured clearance," Dr. Mahadevappa said.

The State Government has also sought the Centre's approval to upgrade Mysuru-Nanjangud-Gundlupet and Mysuru-Bantwal to National Highways. "We have proposed a Ring Road that will cost Rs.600 crore since these three National Highways touch Mysuru," he said.

The State Government has been dragging its feet over the ambitious project of widening the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway into an eight-lane express road. The widening is expected to reduce the travelling time between the two major cities considerably. Using the new road, travellers can zip between the two cities in just 90 minutes.

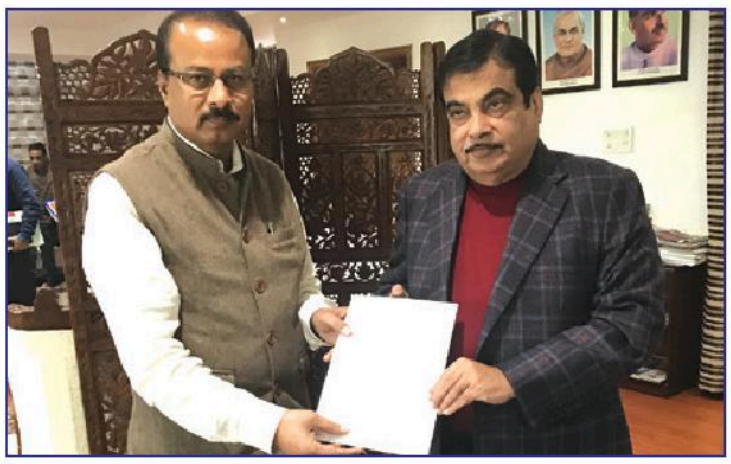
Karnataka had obtained permission to convert the existing State Highway into a National Highway during the last leg of UPA-2 Government three-years ago. However, inordinate delay in acquisition of land delayed the execution of the project.

Sources in PWD revealed that tenders to allocate work orders were deferred thrice. The Centre had reportedly told Karnataka that it would give clearance only if more than 80 percent of the land is acquired for the project.

"We have already acquired 60 percent of the land and the remaining land will be acquired in a few weeks' time. The Centre has also assured us of clearing the project by then," Dr. Mahadevappa explained.

MP meets Union Minister seeking NH upgradation

New Delhi, Dec. 21- Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan met Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari recently and submitted a memorandum seeking upgradation of the National Highway (NH) passing through parts of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.



The Union Government has revised the prerequisites for upgrading the existing two-lane NHs into four-lane. According to the revised parameters, the traffic density on the existing two-lane NH has been reduced from 20,000 Passenger Car Units (PCU) to 10,000 PCU.

The NH 766 stretch connecting Mysuru with T. Narasipur (31km) has a PCU of 19,644 while between Nanjangud and Gundlupet, the same Highway has 16,445 PCU and hence qualifies to be a four-lane road. Only 21 kilometres between Mysuru and Nanjangud is four-lane. With revised norms, the entire stretch is now eligible for an upgrade.

Similarly, NH 150A linking Nanjangud with Chamarajanagar has a PCU of 16,445 and the 38.60 km stretch is an important link connecting Mysuru with the rural hinterland of Chamarajanagar.

Rape and murder of minor girl at Vijayapura

ABVP stages candle light protest

Condemning the ghastly act of gang rape and murder of a minor school girl at Vijayapura recently, the members of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a candle light protest at Agrahara Circle in city last evening and demanded the Government to initiate steps to arrest the culprits immediately and also to take action against Police Officers for refusing to register the complaint.

Obituary

G.S. Gopal

Mysuru, Dec. 21- G.S. Gopal

(89), Pigmy Collector of Syndicate Bank, V.V. Mohalla branch and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

Brother of Freedom Fighter G.S. Subramanya, Gopal leaves behind a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this morning, according to family sources.

Dr. K.L. Shankaraiah

Dr. K.L. Shankaraiah (83),

a resident of 3rd Cross in Gokulam 1st Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Sukanya, son Dr. Manjunath, daughter-in-law Dr. Ashwini and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this morning.

V.T. Thomas

V.T. Thomas, a resident of

Udayagiri, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, son Dr. Anil Thomas and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass will be held tomorrow (Dec.22) at Mother Theresa of Kolkata Church at Rajivnagar here at 2 pm.

Sensational Rs. 2 crore seizure case at Yelwal: Verdict on Dec. 23

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RK&BCT)- The verdict in the case where Rs. 2.07 crore was looted at Yelwal from a Kerala-bound bus in the wee hours of Jan. 4, 2014 will be pronounced on Dec. 23.

The Third Additional District and Sessions Court has completed the trial and was supposed to deliver the verdict on Dec. 20 (yesterday) but due to some technical issues, the verdict will now be pronounced on Dec. 23.

The accused in the high-profile case and their advocates Mahadev Deshik, Rohit and Public Prosecutor Dharanaiah were present at the court along with curious public who wanted to know the verdict.

The investigation was done by CID and the chargesheet, evidence list and the mahazar report were submitted to the court in May 2014 and in all, 11 persons were named in the chargesheet.

CASE HISTORY

On Jan. 3, 2014, the Mysuru Police had got information that crores of rupees of hawala money was being transported from Bengaluru to Kerala in a bus named 'Kalpaka' (KA-01-AA-2793).

The Police immediately planned an operation to intercept the bus and formed a team under the guidance of the then Southern Range IGP K. Ramachandra Rao and Mysuru Rural Dy.SP Srihari Baragur.

The then Mysuru South Rural Inspector Jagadeesh (presently, District Crime Records Bureau Inspector Madikeri), Head Constable Ravi and Constables Satish, Ashok, Latif and Manohar were part of the team.

The team was waiting for the bus near Yelwal as per the information given by informers Saleem, Sharief, Mustaq and Joseph. The bus reached Yelwal at 2 am on Jan. 4, 2014.

On search, the Police recovered Rs. 20 lakh cash that was kept in the tool box. An FIR was registered and the bus driver Akhtar Hussain and conductor Munir were taken into custody.

After the seizure, Jagadeesh had lodged a complaint (Crime No: 1/2014) at Yelwal Police Station, stating that Rs. 20 lakh was seized from the wooden box under a passenger seat in the back of the bus. Bus driver Akhtar Hussain and conductor Munir were booked under Section 41-B of the IPC (unclaimed property) and 102 of the CrPC.

TWIST IN THE CASE

The case received a major twist when Sylalubiddin, a gold merchant from Kozhikode in Kerala had alleged that the Police personnel had pocketed over Rs. 2 crore they had seized from the bus.

The Police initially claimed they had seized Rs. 20 lakh "hawala money" being transported to escape the hawk eyes of law. But everything changed when the businessman lodged a complaint with the then Mysore Superintendent of Police Abhinav Khare, saying the money was his and that the major chunk of it had been pocketed by the Police. Khare quickly arrested three Police informers Saleem, Sharief and Mustaq.

It also came to light that though there is a Police Station at Yelwal whose head is a Sub-Inspector, the accused Policemen exceeded their jurisdiction as the area falls under South Station headed by a Circle Police Inspector (CPI).

The Policemen were booked for unlawful assembly (Section 143 of the IPC), wrongful restraint (144) robbery (392) and criminal conspiracy (120-B) after the merchant made the complaint.

The businessman had named Jagadeesh and four other Policemen. But during investigation, the names of two Constables, Manohar and Ravi cropped up and they were also named accused.

The case was later handed over to the CID, which sprang a surprise by arresting Prakash, the gunman of IGP Ramachandra Rao. The six Policemen, however, remained at large for many days.

As they are well-versed with the methods to track down criminal suspects, they had switched off their mobile phones and thus succeeded in eluding the CID sleuths for days. All of them were, however, arrested later.

Centre to table triple talaq bill in LS tomorrow

New Delhi, Dec. 21- The Centre will introduce a Bill that criminalises instant triple talaq in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

The "List of Business" posted on the Lok Sabha website showed that The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Marriage) Bill will be introduced by Law Minister Ravishankar Prasad. The Cabinet had cleared the Bill last week.

New Addl. Chief Electoral Officer

Ujjwal Kumar

Bengaluru, Dec.21 - IAS Officer Ujjwal Kumar Ghosh was on Wednesday posted as the Additional Chief Electoral Officer, ahead of the Assembly elections in the State.

The State government also placed IAS Officer Sameer Shukla, who is Commissioner of Employment and Training, in concurrent charge of the post of Executive Director of the Karnataka Examination Authority, Bengaluru.

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Decoding Mythology

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Tulu Nadu's Bhootas

For the past 2,000 years, maybe even earlier, the Tuluva people have lived in Tulu Nadu, the coastal kingdom of Alva Kheda, once ruled by the Aupas, referred to in the writings

of ancient Roman mariners. The symbol of this kingdom, with twin fishes, is very similar to the ancient fish symbol of the Pandyas. This land stretches South of Goa, across Southern Karnataka to Northern Kerala. It's a hilly-forested land famous for rice, coconut, arecanut and wildlife full of wild boars and tigers. This is the land of the Mogavira, Billava, and Bunt communities, of the Yakshagana dance form, of the Koti-Chennaya legend, of serpent-worship known as Nagaradhane and of Bhoota-kolam, spirit dances, meant to invoke bhootas, the mischievous local Gods of the land.

In Tulu Nadu, one finds even today, special temples, known as '*sthaans*' where metal and wooden masks of spirits, or Bhootas, are worshipped. It can just be a swing or a platform on the edge of a farm, or in the corner of a house. During special ceremonies, these masks are worn by special dancer-priests-oracles, who then go into a trance. Sometimes, the performers paint their face instead of using masks, and they wear grass skirts, and have a gigantic frame around them, like a sacred nimbus.

They hold bells and swords in their hands and swing to the sound of music, all night. In this state, their body becomes a vessel for the deity, and they prove this transformation by performing feats that normal people cannot easily perform, like walking on fire, hook-swinging, and carrying heavy objects. They then receive gifts and sacrifices from devotees such as rice, betel nuts, meat, alcohol and sometimes even fish, and answer questions that help solve family disputes or provide solutions to inexplicable health and financial problems. The Bhootas are considered the ganas or minions of Shiva and Parvati, who have been sent to earth. Different Bhootas exists, some in the form of a boar (Panjurli), some in the form of a tiger (Pilichamunda), some in the form of a bull (Nandigona), and some androgynous with a male head and a female body (Jumadi). Most wear cobra-crowns, baring their fangs and sticking out their tongues. The dance is robust and the music raw and elemental.

In one story, a female bird gave Shiva an egg as a gift for saving her husband. From the egg came a tiger (Pili), that ate fruits and berries, who was asked to protect Shiva's cattle but one day it accidentally killed and ate a cow. So, it was told to go to Earth as a bhoota and protect the cattle of the Tuluva people. In another story, while fighting a demon, Shakti became very hungry and so asked Shiva to find her food. All the food he offered her was insufficient and so she swallowed him until only his head stuck out of her mouth. They merged and as Jumadi (corruption of Dhumavati probably), they killed the demon. The boar was Parvati's pet but it once attacked Shiva's bull and so Shiva killed it. Later, he revived both the boar and the bull, but he asked them both to go to Earth and protect the fields and cattle of the Tuluva people.

Like the Mohar-masks of the Kullu Valleys of Himachal, or the masked Bon deities of Tibet, or Theyyam of Kerala, or disease masks of Sri Lanka, these masked Gods of Tulu Nadu, are part of an ancient heritage that shaped local thought long before Buddhists, Jains and Brahmins organised and categorised it.

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Travelogue

American Dreams-1

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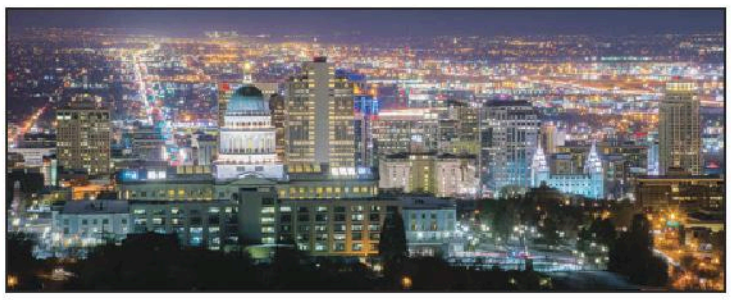

It is exactly five months now. The time I have put pen on paper, literally. Tried it in the US where I had gone for a holiday but failed miserably. There is a folk story of Vikramaditya's throne which reads like this: A simple and illiterate cowherd saw a mound of earth which was very convenient to sit and keep a watch on his herd. As soon as he sat on the mound he realised that he could read and write. People started to gather around him and this simple cowherd started to give discourses on Veda. The moment the cowherd got down from the mound, he became his original self.

Ballal

This puzzled many a citizens and they decided to dig under the mound and surprise, surprise, a magnificent throne, which on closer inspection proved to be the throne of the famous king Vikramaditya, was discovered. A simple cowherd suddenly became a *gyani* just sitting on that throne. On a lighter vein, I also have a similar chair at home and I get inspired to write only when I sit on that chair. My own Vikramaditya chair !

Since our daughter had not moved out, this time also we landed at **Salt Lake City,** the capital of the State of Utah. But what a transformation; we just could not recognise the city. In just three years, this Mormon city, because of the largess given by the city fathers is transforming itself into becoming a "Silicon Slopes," a new name given to this city.

There is a construction boom as hundreds of companies including IT bigwigs are opening up their offices all over the city. Three years back when I had the chance to visit the only Vinayaka temple in the city, I had interacted with the temple Gurukul and was given to understand that there were about 4,000 Indians residing in this city. This time the number had dramatically increased to about 9,000. A hundred percent jump in just about three years. On festival holidays it was just impossible to get a parking inside the temple premises.

One of the prime reasons Indians are taking up jobs in this city is the fact that Mormons generally like Indians as they feel that Indians also are family-oriented people. Cost of living is also quite cheap comparatively. Whenever I used to accost any local on the walk, they would generally greet me without fail unlike our own Indian brothers who would quietly turn their faces and walk away. I have my fullest sympathy for the Indian housewives residing in this so-called land of milk and honey. Full-time unpaid drivers. It is tough life and so they generally avoid and discourage visitors. Except for some big towns like New York or Chicago, public transport is negligible in most parts of the US and so one is fully dependent on the hosts to take you out for sight-seeing or meals. Not easy on the hosts or even guests too. For people who plan to stay for long periods of time, it is important to develop some new pastimes like reading etc., otherwise it can get very boring and frustrating.

This time we had flown by Air France, Delta Airlines to reach Salt Lake City and I noticed something which puzzled me in the beginning. The complete flight of the Delta Airlines was manned by senior citizens! This leg of the journey, from Paris to Salt Lake City, is nearly 9 hours and the airlines have to serve one major meal along with a snack and liquor. The flight was full of young crowd, but I was very impressed with the efficiency of this crew of elders; experience does matter.

Later on I realised that this company [Delta] only employs senior citizens and war veterans as their cabin crew. Nearly 12,000 war veterans are working across the airlines all over the country. Commendable indeed.

This made me wonder as to why we in the eastern block insist on young males and females as cabin crew and sometimes if found overweight these cabin crews are grounded !

After my retirement at 58, I started to feel old in India but when I went to USA, I was amazed at the zeal of the seniors and their enthusiasm. There is tremendous dignity involved and the seniors want to work as long as they can. The establishments also benefit by way of tax rebates if they employ elders.

The seniors involve themselves in all aspects of life — hiking, jogging, walking or fitness centres. Most of the big stores like Walmart etc., employ senior citizens and in some stores I was amazed to see people over 80 still working. My cousin's husband, Dr. Bhasker, a cancer surgeon, is still operating and he is 82! Of course, most of the seniors work for two reasons. One is to keep themselves fit and secondly for the medical insurance. In the US, if one does not have medical insurance one can as well say goodbye to life. The complete health sector is controlled by the insurance. The cost of medicines is astronomical and borders on ridicule.

Just to give an example. I use Huminsulin manufactured by the company Eli-Lilly. A 3 ml vial costs about Rs.215. The same medicine in the US costs about 70 dollars [Rs. 4,400 approximately]. Now one can understand why the Indian Pharma Companies are in queue to supply and manufacture generic medicines to the US. The margins are huge. A simple hand fracture operation costs about Rs. 45 lakh. A bypass, a huge Rs.2.5 crore. The dental and opthalmic procedures are so expensive it is cheaper to come for a holiday to India and get it done if you have a problem and if it is not urgent, you have to wait for sometimes three months to get an appointment with a specialist. Off-the-cuff prescriptions are just not given.

There is a general feeling that doctors mint money. Yes, it is true, but the education system is so designed a doctor starts earning big money only after 38 or 40. The time it takes for him to get his PG degree and start a private practice. Most docs have an education loan of nearly 3,00,000 dollars [Rs. 2 crore] even before they start their practice. About 15 to 20 percent of their earnings go towards getting the malpractice insurance, a must in the US. I was surprised when docs in USA read the Riot Act before any small operation to the patients. Instead of allaying the fears of the patients, they tell the patient what can go wrong in the operation even before the patient has entered the OT.

[To be continued]

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'You will be in jail permanently if I am jailed even for a day,' GTD tells CM

'Kempaiah controlling govt; Without him, Siddharamaiah cannot be CM even for a single day'

Mysuru, Dec.21- "I will take political retirement even if one farmer or a middleman says that G.T. Devegowda has accepted money from them," said Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, two days after the State Government handed over the alleged Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) scam to the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

The scam allegedly took place when G.T. Devegowda was the KHB Chairman and the complaint was with the Lokayukta where it was in cold storage. However, ACB has now registered an FIR against his son G.D. Harish Gowda and 46 other accused. The FIR was filed in connection with a 2014 scam alleging that farmers near Mysuru were cheated in the matter of buying land for a housing project.

Speaking to a private TV channel yesterday, G.T. Devegowda said that charges pertained to cheating of farmers during land acquisition by the KHB for a housing and development project at Gungralchatra and Yelachenahalli near Yelwal was baseless and he had no role to play in it. "The KHB Chairman or the Board have no powers of land acquisition. Their powers are only limited to recommendations," he said.

G.T. Devegowda *Siddharamaiah* *Kempaiah*

'POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MOVE'

Terming the government move to transfer the case to ACB as politically motivated, Devegowda targeted Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. "It is a conspiracy hatched by the CM after his attempts to woo me into the Congress failed. Siddharamaiah must realise that if he sends me to jail even for one day, he will have to be in jail permanently," he charged.

Reminding Siddharamaiah that he (Devegowda) and his family had strived for more than 30 years to give a boost to his (Siddharamaiah's) political career, Devegowda said, "Goddess Chamundeshwari will not forgive Siddharamaiah if he tries to finish me off politically by foisting false cases against me," he said.

'KEMPAIAH RUNNING THE SHOW'

Directing his anger at former IPS officer Kempaiah who is now the advisor to the Home Minister, Devegowda said that but for Kempaiah, Siddharamaiah could not be in power for even a single day. "Siddharamaiah is just the head of the government sans any powers. He is not capable of taking an administrative decision on his own. Kempaiah controls the government and he dictates terms to the CM and he directs how the administration should function. Kempaiah is behind politics of vindictiveness," Devegowda alleged.

"A certain Ramaiah was persistently requesting me since six months to leave Chamundeshwari Constituency to Siddharamaiah in the 2018 elections," Devegowda revealed and said that in return, Siddharamaiah would leave the constituency to his son (G.D. Harish Gowda) after the next Assembly term ends. "I did not yield to Ramaiah's request and therefore, Siddharamaiah is targeting me in this manner," Devegowda claimed.

FALSE COMPLAINTS

Reverting on the KHB land controversy, he said that all the land purchase at Gungralchatra and Yelachenahalli near Yelwal have been done as per procedures by the KHB. "The issue was raked up by certain Congress agents who forced some farmers to lodge false complaints. Taking this opportunity to gain politically, the government handed over the probe to Lokayukta and now the case is with ACB," he said.

"The case was investigated by the Lokayukta and it has not found a shred of evidence. The case that had entered into a cold-storage has been revived now to target me, he claimed.

'PEOPLE WILL NOT FORGIVE CM'

"By hook or crook, Siddharamaiah wants to defeat me in Chamundeshwari and he is using all methods to corner me. Earlier, the CM had said that he would win if he contested from any of the 224 constituencies in Karnataka. The number came down to 20 and now he is saying that he will contest only from Chamundeshwari that has given him political rebirth," he said.

"People have realised that they got nothing from Siddharamaiah though he was the CM for five years. They are waiting for the CM to contest from Chamundeshwari and this time, they will send him home. The voters will teach him a lesson for betraying me and my family," he added.

PM Modi to announce special package for Karnataka

BJP's plan to wrest power in State through development agenda

Narendra Modi

Bengaluru, Dec.21 (KMS& NNN)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi after winning the Gujarat elections for the fifth time in a row is now focusing all his energies on Karnataka to wrest power from the ruling Congress party by planning to announce a special package to the State.

He is likely to announce a special package of thousands of crores for agriculture, water resources and rural development in the 2018-19 Central Budget.

Modi will try to garner votes by keeping the agenda of development *(vikas)* as the main theme and not only announce the special package but also assure the people that all the projects would be completed in a time-bound manner.

Including the Prime Minister several national leaders will participate in the valedictory function of Parivarthana Rally to be held here on Jan. 28. In this rally Modi would give a glimpse of the gift to Karnataka.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has just touted 'Bhagya' and completed four-and-a-half years of his rule. The BJP will not talk about 'Bhagya' like Anna Bhagya or Ksheera Bhagya and spend its time. Instead, it will chalk out several programmes for the next five years and implement them. All these projects would help the farmers and the poorer sections of the society to help increase their income, is the point that PM Modi will drive home on that day.

Earlier, during the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar and several other States, the Central Government had announced special packages. Along similar lines, the PM will give rural development package to Karnataka.

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

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2. The item No. 2 specified in the said notice is belonged to 2nd of our client and Smt. Sumathi, has already been disposed-off.
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Hunsur Road will be open to traffic from Dec.25

Work on the Hunsur Road stretch between Paduvarahalli and Kukkarahalli is almost complete.

Mysuru, Dec.21 (RK&NNN)- The work on the installation of magic boxes on the Hunsur Road stretch between Paduvarahalli and Kukkarahalli is nearing completion and the road which was closed for nearly a month will open to the traffic again from Dec.25.

Heavy rains had caused havoc in the area where the rainwater mixed with sewage water had entered most of the houses in 1st and 2nd main in Paduvarahalli last month. It had also caused problems at the Maharani's College Hostel building and Commerce College building on Valmiki Road. Complaints had poured in of flooding and rainwater entering the houses, when Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had conducted an inspection of the area along with MLA Vasu.

MCC had taken up the Rs.70 lakh work on a war-footing by not even calling for tender, as it was an emergency work. MCC Executive Engineer Nagaraj Murthy told *Star of Mysore* that only the work on plastering of the retaining wall and asphalting of the stretch remains, which will be completed in another three days.

Since the road was closed, the vehicles coming from Hunsur Road had to take a diversion near St. Joseph's institution and take a turn near Mathru Mandali Circle, move towards Valmiki Road and take a left near Paduvarahalli junction Petrol bunk to enter Hunsur Road. Similarly, vehicles coming from Metropole Circle side had to take a right turn at Paduvarahalli junction take a left on Valmiki Road to enter Adipampa Road and pass through Temple Road and take a right turn to hit Hunsur Road again.

The blockage of traffic on the small stretch has caused lot of problems and once it is opened, the traffic problems would be eased, said Nagaraj Murthy.

Road widening on Krishnaraja Boulevard

The vehicular traffic on the busy stretch between the entrance arch on Krishanaraja Boulevard up to Kautilya Circle near Crawford Hall is very heavy during morning and evening rush hours.

There was Rs.1.5 crore left in the old Special Dasara Fund and this money is being utilised to widen the stretch of 578 metres. It will be widened by 14 metres with six feet wide footpath on either side.

Free left turn

A traffic jam usually occurs at the arch entrance to Krishnaraja Boulevard and to overcome this problem, a free left turn has been provided from Hunsur Road (Vinoba Road) side to the Boulevard Road and in the opposite direction from Boulevard Road to Hunsur Road, there is a free left.

The work on this road, taken up by contractor Venkatappa, began just before the inauguration of the 83rd Kannada Sahitya Sammelana. 65 percent of the work has been completed and the remaining work will be completed in another month.

MCC Development Officer Govindappa, who is supervising the work, told *Star of Mysore* that the work was sanctioned nine months ago. "First 23 trees on this stretch had to be removed. We paid the Forest Department Rs.5.80 lakh to cut the trees," he said.

The Forest Department charged the amount based on the ratio of 1:10 trees (That is 23x10x1911). Since every tree removed has to be replaced by ten trees, the Forest Department charges Rs.1,911 for the removal of each tree, he said.

Once the work is completed, this will also ease the flow of traffic on this busy road.

FREE LEFT: ***The work on Vinoba Road is nearing completion where people can take a free left turn.*** *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

Two-day 'Forensic Fair' at JSSMC

Mysuru, Dec. 21(US&PM)- A two-day 'Forensic Fair' organised jointly by the Department of Forensic Medicine, JSS Medical College (JSSMC), Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), City Police, Department of Criminology, University of Mysore, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) and Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) commenced this morning at the premises of JSS Medical College here.

The fair is open to public with free entry from 10.30am to 5pm and is being held for the second time in city. The organisers have set up 8 stalls at the fair displaying posters on bite marks of humans and animals, traffic signals, how to collect evidences at the crime scene, cyber crime, importance of blood stains, saving poison victims, gas geyser accidents and food adulterants determination. A stall has a display of various types of guns, rifles and pistols including AK-47.

The fair was inaugurated by JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa. KPA Assistant Director S. Raju, JSS University Registrar Dr. B. Manjunath and others were present.

Corporator Snake Shyam explained about various types of snakes to the visitors.

JSS Medical College has organised a CME (Continuing Medical Education) programme on Forensic Update on Dec. 23 at 10.30 am at Rajendra auditorium in JSS Hospital premises.

Students taking a look at the skeleton which supports the body and maintains its shape at the Forensic Fair at JSS Medical College here this morning.

A Policeman from Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) is seen explaining about firearms to a group of curious students at the Forensic Fair here this morning.

Fifth Graduation Day of Yuvaraja's College

Mysuru, Dec.21- The fifth Graduation Day of Yuvaraja's College (Autonomous), University of Mysore, is scheduled to be held at 11 am on Jan.6 at the Centenary Hall, Yuvaraja's College campus. Gold medals, endowment prizes and certificates will be given to qualified students of the academic year 2016-17.

Dr. M.K. Surappa, Honorary Professor, Department of Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and former Director, IIT - Ropar, will be the chief guest. Prof. C. Basavaraju, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, will preside and confer the degrees.

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Dalai Lama inaugurates Debating Hall, Science Centre at Sera Mey Monastery in Bylakuppe

Renovated Golden Temple to be open for public tomorrow

Bylakuppe, Dec.21 (Rajesh&KS)- Tibetan Spiritual Leader Dalai Lama inaugurated the Debating Hall and the Science Centre at Sera Mey Thoesam Norling Monastery at Sera Lama Camp in Bylakuppe this morning.

The programme was attended by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and a host of other dignitaries.

On the occasion, Suttur Seer and Adichunchanagiri Seer felicitated Dalai Lama and sought his blessings. The Dalai Lama in turn, presented them with the idols of Lord Buddha.

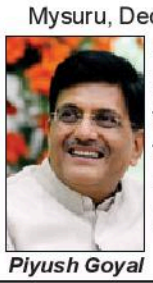
President of Tibetan-Government-in-Exile Lobsang Sangay, MP Pema Dalek, Indo-Tibet Friendship President B.V. Javaregowda, Co-ordinator J.T. Urs, Settlement Officers Delak and Lhakpa Tsering and Monks from across the country and abroad numbering about 10,000 attended the programme.

Tibetan Spiritual Leader Dalai Lama addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Debating Hall and the Science Centre at Sera Mey Thoesam Norling Monastery at Sera Lama Camp in Bylakuppe this morning in the presence of Seers of various Mutts and President of Tibetan-Government-in-Exile Lobsang Sangay. Picture below shows an aerial view of the renovated Golden Temple at Namdroling Monastery which will be opened to public from tomorrow.

Renovated Golden Temple to be inaugurated tomorrow: The Golden Temple at Namdroling Monastery camp in Bylakuppe, which was closed for the public in the month of June 2017 for renovation, will be re-opened with the Tibetan Spiritual Leader Dalai Lama inaugurating it tomorrow morning and will be open for the general public from Dec.23.

The Dalai Lama will also be presiding over the 7th Convocation Ceremony of Ngagyur Nyingma Institute tomorrow.

Piyush Goyal to flag off electric train between Mysuru and Bengaluru?



Piyush Goyal

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (VNS)- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal will flag off the electric trains between Bengaluru and Mysuru on Dec. 26. The date for the inauguration of electric trains had been decided following the completion of track electrification work by the Central Organisation for Rail Electrification (CORE), Allahabad, according to reports.

However, when *Star of Mysore* contacted the SWR officials, they said that the date for the inauguration had not yet been finalised.

Sources said that the inspection of the track between Yeliyur and Mysuru was done by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) and a clearance certificate was issued on Dec. 14.

The electrification of the 139 km Bengaluru-Mysuru track has been completed at a cost of Rs. 210 crore. The electrification project and track doubling works commenced in 2007. Now, with the commissioning of 1.7-km stretch at Srirangapatna on Nov. 21 this year, the track doubling works has been fully completed.

Sources added that the SWR would soon phase out the existing diesel engines between Mysuru and Bengaluru to be replaced with electric trains.

SWR is also planning to introduce two other long distance trains from Mysuru towards Darbhanga in Bihar and Howrah in West Bengal, sources added.

Rape accused surrenders

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The judgement was first reserved on Nov. 23 but Mahesh Gowda's counsel petitioned the Court that his client could not attend the hearing because he was hospitalised in Bengaluru and the Court adjourned the hearing to Nov. 29. As Mahesh and his counsel didn't turn up, the Judge issued a warrant after posting the hearing to Dec. 4. However, the judgement was again deferred to Dec. 6, Dec. 11, Dec. 13 and Dec. 16 as Mahesh Gowda remained absconding.

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) B.C. Shivarudra Swamy claimed the forensic science report is pointing fingers at Mahesh as being the father of the baby girl following a DNA test and he might have avoided the Court so far fearing he would be proven guilty.

16 complaints at DC's phone-in

Mysuru, Dec.21(RKB&NNN)- Nearly 16 complaints were registered at the phone-in programme organised at the DC Office here keeping the Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep busy answering to the calls. The complaints ranged from problems of bad roads, stinking drainages and bullying by ruffians, to loudspeaker menace.

A caller from Udayagiri complained that ruffians were creating problems for women and children as they teased them, talked at the top of their voice on the mobile phones just to attract attention and being nuisance to the people in the areas. The caller said that though several complaints had been lodged in the police station, no action had been taken to curb the menace. The DC assured to write to the Police Commissioner to take action.

Another caller from Kumbarkoppal called to complain about the illegal construction going on next to his house. He said that though the Corporation had issued a notice, the person concerned was continuing with the construction.

The road from Jayanagar to Akshaya Bhandar was in a bad shape, said another caller and demanded to repair the road at the earliest as they were finding it very difficult to drive on this road.

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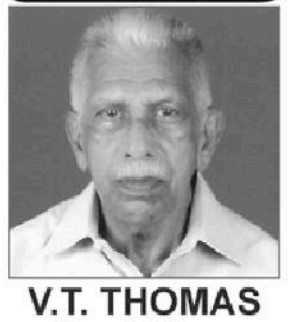

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Annual Day at city schools

ORCHIDS SCHOOL: Annual Day was celebrated at The Orchids Public School and PU College with the theme 'Save Rivers' to create awareness about the importance of rivers, at Kalamandira here recently.

The programme was inaugurated in a unique way by offering water from 'Kalasha' by the dignitaries which flowed through the lines on the Indian map indicating flow of water through major rivers in India.

Prof. M. Krishnegowda, who was the chief guest on the occasion, appreciated the efforts by the school and the students in presenting wonderful performances which had a purpose of bringing awareness among future citizens on the role played by rivers in our life and the role we should play as humans to save them and regretted on how everything humane is taking a back seat because we as parents stress money over virtues.

Singer M.R. Shreeharsha, who spoke as the guest of honour, taught values to the students and the gathering by singing songs.

The origin of rivers and the culture of the settlements on the banks of them were depicted in the form of dance and drama. Pollution of rivers and what's our role in saving them were shown as well with a varied range of programmes performed by the students from Pre-KG to II PUC.

Performance by the children of 'Aastha,' a school for specially-abled from the Orchids Education Society, was applauded by all. Students who excelled at academics and co-curricular activities were awarded by the guests on the occasion.

SRI VIVEKA VIDYALAYA: 'Viveka Kutumbakam,' the 5th Annual Day of Sri Viveka Vidyalaya, Srirampura, was held recently. Swami Bodhaswarupanandaji, President of Sri Ramakrishna Sharadashrama, Ponnampet, delivered the benedictory address. ASKVS Sharma (Kollegal Sharma) and K.C. Puttasiddashetty, ex-MLC, were the chief guests. Bhavani Nagesh, Administrative Officer, introduced the guests.

Manjula, Head Mistress of Public School, presented School report. Vaibhav Baadkar, Principal of PU College, presented the annual college report.

Special prizes of excellence and prizes for Viveka Pratibha Inter-School Competition were also distributed. The Rolling Shield was bagged by Pramathi Hillview Academy.

On the occasion, the management felicitated four staff members. Indira Shivaraman proposed a vote of thanks. N. Geetha compered. The formal function was followed by a cultural extravaganza by the School children and PU students.

LITTLE ELLY PRE SCHOOL: To inculcate importance of nature among children, Little Elly Pre School, Bannimantap, celebrated fourth Annual Day on theme 'Nature' at Ganabharathi. The tiny-tots came out with various performances including dances and dance-dramas. They also presented a live demo on natural calamities which made the celebration more informative.

CFTRI SCHOOL: The 53rd Annual Day celebrations of CFTRI School, amidst great zest, vibrancy and elation, brought out the essence of cultural diversity and rich heritage of the country.

Prof. Gopal, who was the guest of honour, shared his vision for the institution. The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Meritorious students in academics and extra-curricular activities were feted.

The cultural programme, with 'colours of life' as the theme, saw some riveting performances by students. The event started off with a prayer dance and concluded with a grand finale celebration by all the participants and teachers. The evening witnessed a colourful array of dances and musical acts. 'Sabse nyara gulistan hamara hai', 'Mathru vatsalya', 'The legend of Bahubali' and South Indian dance forms stole the show. Staff Secretary C. Ramya proposed a vote of thanks. English teacher Sadia Shifa compered. Anchors of the cultural programme were X std. students, N. Hemachandran, S. Darshan, S. Haripriya, N. Rakshita and V. Bhumika Kothari. Performances were choreographed by R. Manjunatha of D2 Dance Academy.

VIJAYA VITTALA VIDYASHALA (VVVS): A tw-day programme was organised at the School premises recently to mark 32nd Annual Day celebrations.

On day-1, K.S. Prakash, BEO, Mysuru South, was the chief guest. Day-2 programme was conducted in the gracious presence of Sri Vidyaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, Shree Samputa Narasimha Subramanya Mutt, Kukke Subramanya.

SSLC and PUC Rank holders were felicitated with Gold medals by Pujya Swamiji.

Swamiji advised the students to inculcate good behaviour from the home itself to be a good citizen. He also called upon the parents to create such an environment to students to grow well educated.

R. Guru, Chairman, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions (VVEI), presided over the function. In his presidential speech, he advised the students not only to succeed in academics, but also to move forward with courage to achieve in life.

R. Vasudev Bhat, Hon. Secretary, VVEI, Sri S.Paniraj, Trustee, Smt. and Sri H. Satyaprasad, Principal, VVPUC, were the other dignitaries present on the dais. S.P. Asha, Principal of VVVS, presented the Annual Report.

The programme concluded with 'Bharatha Kala Darshana,' a colourful bonanza by students.

Mysuru City Police Annual Sports Meet-2017

CARP emerge overall champs

IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar (extreme left) is seen handing over the overall championship trophy to CAR personnel as City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, CAR DCP B.V. Kittur and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 21- City Armed Reserve Police (CARP) emerged as the overall champions in the Mysuru City Police Annual Sports Meet -2017 that concluded at the CAR Grounds in Nazarbad, here yesterday.

RESULTS

Men's 5,000 mts: 1. CAR ACP Mallik Jaan Desai , 2. Speical Unit ACP N.M. Nagesh, 3. CAR ACP Javed Pasha; **Shot Put for DCP and Above Ranked Officers:** 1. DCP Vishnuvardhana, 2. DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, 3. CAR DCP B.V. Kittur; **Shop Put:** 1. Traffic ACP Madaiah, 2. CAR ACP K.N. Suresh, 3. Fingerprints ACP Rajashekar; **Shot Put for officers ranked above ASI:** 1. Vijayanagar PI Anil, 2. Metagalli PI Sunil Kumar, 3. N.R. PI Ashok; **Javelin Throw for officers ranked about ASI:** 1. Metagalli PI Sunil Kumar, 2. CCIB PI Sandesh, 3. Vijayanagar PI Anil; **Revolver Shooting for officers of DCP rank and above:** 1. City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, 2. CAR DCB B.V. Kittur, 3. Mounted Police Deputy Commandant Praveen Alva; **Revolver Shooting for ACP ranked officers:** 1. CAR ACP Nagaraju, 2. CAR ACP K.N. Suresh, 3. CAR ACP H.V. Veeranna; **Revolver Shooting for Police Inspectors:** 1. NR PI Ashok Kumar, 2. CSB PI R.P. Ashok Kumar, 3. Mandi Mohalla PI Ansar Ali; **Revolver Shooting for ACPs and SIs:** 1. Lashkar SI S. Pooja Hattarki, 2. Vijayanagar SI Ramachandra, 3. Saraswathipuram SI Anil Kumar; **Rifle Shooting for Head Constables and Constables:** 1. Devaraja Sub Division CPC Manik, 2. CAR CPC G. Madegowda, 3. Traffic CPC Sanjay; **Volleyball:** 1. CAR ACP Shivaram Team, 2. Traffic Division Team led by Ramesh; **Tug of War:** 1. CAR, 2. Special Unit; **Band staff and Band Men Race Running Race:** 1. Chandrashekar, 2. Manjunath, 3. Kiran Kumar; **Tent Pegging for KARP Mounted Company:** 1. L. Harish, 2. Nagaraju, 3. J. Mohan; **Shuttle Badminton for PIs and SIs:** 1. K.M. Murthy, 2. Prasanna Kumar; **Shuttle Badminton (Doubles):** 1. CAR RPI K.M. Murthy/CAR RPI Ashok Kumar, 2. CCB PI Prasanna Kumar/ CCB PI Ashok; **Shuttle Badminton Singles for ACPs:** 1. Fingerprints ACP Rajashekar, 2. **Palace Security ACP Shylendra; Doubles:** 1. KARP ACP Shivaraju/Fingerprints ACP Rajashekar; 2. CCP ACP Gopal/Palace Security ACP Shylendra; **Shuttle Badminton Doubles for DCPs:** 1. CAR DCP B.V. Kittur/KARP Deputy Commandant Praveen Alva, 2. City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao/ DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe; **Cricket for officers ranked Police Inspectors and above:** 1. Law and Order Team lead by DCP Vishnuvardhana; 2. Police Commissioner's Team lead by Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao; **Volleyball for officer ranked Police Inspectors and above:** 1. Police Commissioner's Team, 2. DCP CAR and Team.

Overall Championship

Men: CAR ACP Mylari

Women: NR Division Mahila PC K.P. Usha

Team Championship: CARP, Mysuru City.

Gary Kirsten to join RCB

Cape Town, Dec. 21- Former India coach Gary Kirsten is likely to join the Royal Challengers Bangalore's coaching staff for the upcoming season of Indian Premier League (IPL). According to sources, the role for Kirsten has yet not been confirmed as Daniel Vettori, the current head coach for RCB, will remain in the team's coaching staff.

However, former Proteas coach is most likely to be appointed the batting coach for the IPL franchise. This is Kirsten's second stint in the IPL.

Earlier, the South African opener had signed a three-year contract with Delhi Daredevils in 2014, but the franchise removed him in 2015, following poor outputs in two seasons, where the team finished last and second-last.

The 50-year-old is currently the head coach of the Big Bash League franchise Hobart Hurricanes. Kirsten was the 2011 World Cup winning coach of the Indian cricket team.

Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament

Rajkumar's double ton leads NCC to victory

Mysuru, Dec. 21- A double century by opener S.M. Rajkumar (212, 19x4, 8x6), was the highlight of National Cricket Club's big 217-run win over Sree Ganesha Kreeda Mandali (SGKM) in the Sri Gopalaswami Memorial cricket tournament organised by KSCA Mysuru Zone at Gangothri Grounds here on Wednesday.

SCORES

National CC 383 for six in 50 overs (S.M.Rajkumar 212, Kishan S. Bedare 36, P. Gaurav 27, M.S. Vinay 27, C.K. Chandrashekar two for 55) bt Sree Ganesha Kreeda Mandali 166 in 25.2 overs (U. Chandru 42, Preetham Nayak 32, S.S. Sumanth four for 23, Tushar Harikrishna two for 10).

National Series U-16 Tennis Tournament

Arnav enters semi finals

Panchagani (Maharashtra), Dec. 21- City's upcoming tennis player, Arnav Pathange stormed into the semifinals of AITA National Series U-16 Tournament being held at Panchgani, this morning. In the quarter-final, he defeated Faiz Mohammed of Mumbai 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Earlier, he had defeated Heerak Vora of Gujarat 6-3, 6-3 in the pre-quarter finals, Vishal Goutham 6-1, 6-0 and Eric Nithlian 6-1, 6-0 in Round 1 and 2 respectively. Arnav will be facing top-seed Krishna Hooda of Haryana in the semi-final.

KSCA Mysore Zonal League 2017

Ten-wicket win for RBNCC 'A'

Mysuru, Dec. 21- Inspiring bowling performance by medium-pacer G.S. Yodhan Hrudhay (six for 30) helped RBNCC 'A' to register a big ten wicket win over Vidyaranya CC in the KSCA Mysore Zone I Division two-day league match played at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium here on Sunday last.

In the other match, National Cricket Club defeated Mohan's XI by an innings and 43 runs. Kishan S. Bedare scored 139 runs in the first innings to help NCC score 367 runs. He was ably help by M.S. Vinay, who scored 72. Kishan Bedare also picked up five wickets in the first innings to restrict Mohan's XI to 230 in 72.4 overs and in the second innings NCC bundled

Kishan Bedare S.S. Sumanth

out Mohan's XI for a paltry 94 to clinch an innings and 43 run victory. S.S. Sumanth picked up five wickets (5 for 38).

SCORES

Vidyaranya CC 99 in 39.3 overs (Rohan Patil 48, R. Ashwin 25, G.S. Yodhan Hrudhay six for 30, Sai Shiv Narayan two for nine) & 92 in 33.6 overs (Rohan Patil 31, M.B. Darshan four for 33, Munish Changappa three for 21, Sai Shiv Narayan two for 10) lost to RBNCC 'A' 163 for five decl. in 41.5 overs (Yogesh R. Gowda 63, M.B. Darshan 42, Sai Shiv Narayan 30, T. Niranjan four for 48, Sampreeth R. Shetty three for 18) & 29 for no loss in 2.2 overs.

National Cricket Club 367 for eight in 70 overs (Kishan S. Bedare 139, M.S. Vinay 72, A.M. Kiran 39, A. Yashas Kumar 33, Harikrishna Kumar 27 n.o. Gaurav 24, M.S. Basavaraj two for 75, Madan Mohan two for 85, Eshwar Naik two for 44) bt Mohan's XI 230 in 72.4 overs (Madan Mohan 66, Anjanava Saha 51, Kishan S. Bedare five for 48, Harikrishna Kumar two for 64) & 94 in 37.1 overs (S.S. Sumanth five for 38, A.M. Kiran three for 30).

KSCA-ACUK Inter-School Cricket Tournament

Mahendra Kumar shines for Marimallappa HS

Mysuru, Dec.21- An inspiring all-round performance by Mahendra Kumar (55 &four for 21) helped Marimallappa HS to register a 55-run win over Manasasarovar Pushkarni HS and enter the final of KSCA-ACUK Inter-School Cricket Tournament match played at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, here recently.

In the other semi-final, a decent performance by Hridhay A. Singhavi (60 & two for 15) enabled Excel Public School to register a good seven wicket win over Sadvidya HS.

The finals between Marimallappa HS and Excel Public school will be played on Thursday at SDNR Wadiyar grounds.

SCORES

Semi-finals: Marimallappa HS 178 in 26.1 overs (Mahendra Kumar 55, Md. Kaif Basha 42, Chethan 2 for 33, Anush Prabhu 2 for 26) bt Manasasarovar Pushkarni HS 123 in 24.3 overs (Swaroop 60, Mahendra 4 for 21, Abhnoam Jacob 3 for 14).

Sadvidya HS 120 in 29.3 overs (M. Tejas 58, Gagan R. Patil 3 for 28, Hridhay A. Singhavi 2 for 15) lost to Excel Public School 121 for 3 in 24.3 overs (Hridhay A. Singhavi 60, Varun Madyalkar 31).

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep.Mys	Arr.B'lore	DepB'lore	Arr.Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Exp.	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.10 am (Mon)	07.55 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.35 pm
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	06.10 am	8.55 am	5.45 pm	8.40 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.55 pm (Thu)	11.30pm(Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur-Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.05 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.15 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (super fast)	10.20 am (Thursdays & Saturdays)	12.45 pm	01.00 pm (Wednesday & Friday)	03.45 pm

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12613/12614	Tipu Express (super fast)	11.30 am	02.00 pm	03.00 pm	05.30 pm
17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Exp.	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
56237/56238	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	02.45 pm	06.05 pm	07.00 pm	10.20 pm
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai Express	03.30 pm	06.15 pm	06.00 am	08.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Exp.	04.00 pm	06.50 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.00 pm	08.15 pm	07.30 am	10.30 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.00 pm	09.00 pm	07.00 am	9.45 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.30 pm (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	09.30 pm	03.30 am (Sundays & Tuesdays)	06.00 am
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Exp.	07.00 pm	09.50 pm	06.20 am	09.15 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Exp.	07.40 pm	11.05 pm	04.30 am	08.00 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Exp	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.45 pm (Wed)	05.40am (Fri)	8.20am (Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	08.30 pm	11.25 pm	04.00 am	06.50 am
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.00 am	11.55 pm	04.00 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep Ch'nagar	Arr.Mys
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.20 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00 pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.35 pm	08.50 pm	10.30 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

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11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am (Sunday)	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm (Friday)
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	07.15 am	11.10 am	05.30 pm	9.25 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	8.30 am	02.45 pm (Yesvantpur)	01.00 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.00 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.30 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Express	08.10 pm	11.05 pm (Friday)	01.40 am	04.55 am (Wed.)
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep.Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.20 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

		Dep.	Arr.
16523/17	MysoreKarwar/Kannur Express	11.30 pm (Mys.)	2.00 pm (Kar)
16524/18	Karwar/KannurMysore Express	02.40 pm (Kar)	5.15 am (Mys) 5.30 am leaves for Bangalore

[The train reaches Kannur at 11.35 am and departs at 4.30 pm]

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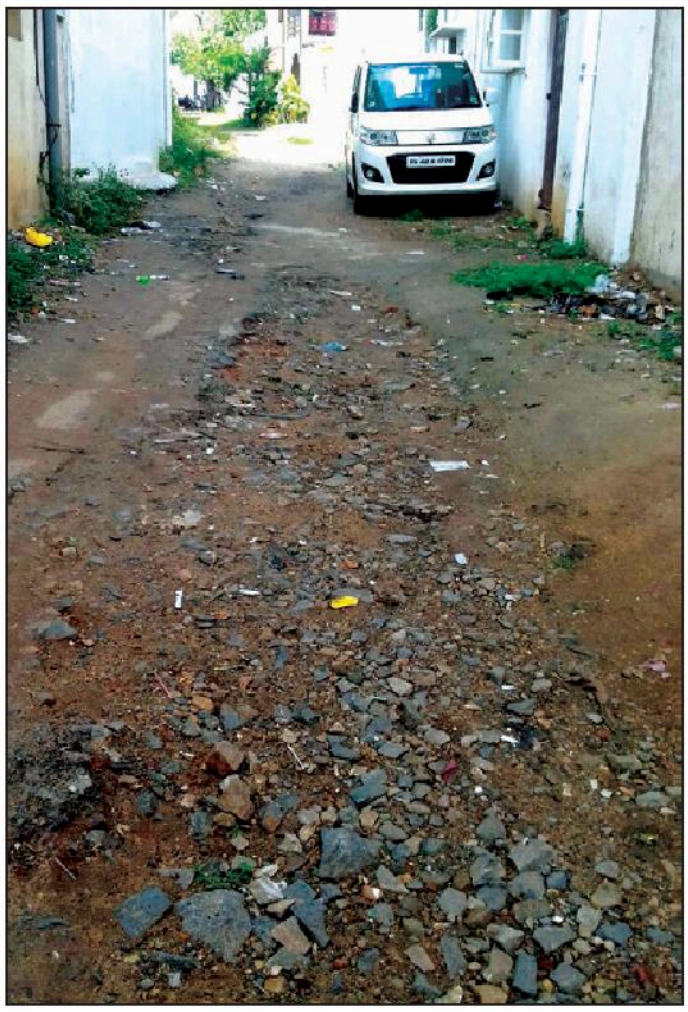
Plea to make the road motorable in Rajivnagar



The 1st cross road behind Albadar Masjid in Rajivnagar 2nd stage is in a bad condition and has become non–motorable as jelly stones and pebbles have popped up resulting in motorists facing hardship. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to asphalt this road at the earliest.

Weeds, overgrown plants in drain causing problems at Udayagiri

Weeds, overgrown plants in a storm water drain near Fatima Masjid in Udayagiri is causing problems as sewage water is getting stagnant resulting in foul smell emanating from it. The place has also become a breeding place for the mosquitoes. Authorities concerned are urged to get the drain cleared of the weeds to make way for the smooth flow of sewage water at the earliest.

Folk troupes to create health awareness in rural areas

Health Dept. begins 3-day grooming workshop

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep (5th from left) is seen beating a drum to inaugurate the workshop at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.21 (RK&US)- A three-day training workshop for folk troupes of Mysuru division, organised jointly by the District Department of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Kannada and Culture, commenced yesterday at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city.

The folk troupes would be groomed by the Health Department officials on various health issues. The folk artistes would later create health awareness among rural people through folk songs and plays.

Inaugurating the workshop by beating a drum, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep opined that seminars and lectures on health awareness were not enough and effective, for rural folk in particular. Hence, he contended that the folk artistes would convey the message better through folk songs and plays which would drive the message together with some entertainment.

He assured to collect a feedback from the people. He further said that the workshop was envisaged under National Health Mission with a theme 'Information, education and communication.' Randeep added that the Mission would also try to eradicate certain superstitious beliefs existing among rural people regarding health problems.

About 200 folk artistes from eight district are participating in the workshop.

District Health Officer Dr. B. Basavaraj, Theatre Artiste Mime Ramesh, State Health Education Officer Rajahanumaiah, Assistant Director of Department of Kannada and Culture H. Channappa, District Vector-borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidanand and other were present.

Interaction with tribals in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.21- An interaction programme of representatives from 15 different tribal communities will be organised at Karnataka State Tribal Research Centre, Aniketana Road, Kuvempunagar on Dec. 22 at 12 noon.

Prof. T.T. Basavanagowda, Director of Karnataka State Tribal Research Centre, will preside over the programme.

The community representatives had been on a trip to Assam from Nov.29 to Dec.12 and the participants had an opportunity to interact with the tribals there and witness various developmental programmes initiated by the Government there.

Tomorrow's interaction programme is facilitated to share their experiences.

Bus pass for scribes

Accredited journalists may apply before Dec.23

Mysuru, Dec.21- The Information Department has invited applications from accredited scribes of District-level and regional newspapers listed by the Department, for distribution of bus pass. The applicants must be serving a newspaper as a full-time reporter for at least two years.

Three reporters and one photographer recommended by the Editor of a regional newspaper having six or more pages and five reporters and one photographer recommended by the Editor of a regional newspaper having eight or more pages are eligible to apply.

The Editor or a Reporter recommended by the Editor of a District-level newspaper having two pages or a reporter and a photographer of a District-level newspaper having four pages are eligible to apply.

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The interested scribes can fill the prescribed application forms and submit the same to the Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations Department, Varthabhavan, Dhanvantri Road, Mysuru-01, before Dec.23.

The application forms can be downloaded from the Department website: *karnatakainformation.gov.in*

Interaction held on problems of tribal and nomadic children

KSCPC Chairperson Dr. Kripa Amar Alva inaugurating an interaction on 'Problems of tribal and nomadic children' at JSS Law College premises in Kuvempunagar in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.21 (RKB&US)- Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPC), in association with District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Department of Women and Child Welfare, had organised an interaction on 'Problems of tribal and nomadic children and solutions' at JSS Law College premises in Kuvempunagar here yesterday.

About 60 representatives of various NGOs participated in the programme.

Inaugurating the programme, KSCPC Chairperson Dr. Kripa Amar Alva recalled her visit to a Girijana Ashrama School in H.D. Kote some time ago. She said that none of the children was found in any classroom, where empty bottles of liquor and beedis were found justifying the usage of the premises for immoral activities.

She hence pointed out that the policies of the Government regarding tribals should be properly implemented. She contended that only then sustainable development was possible for the tribe.

Dr. Balagurumurthy, Nodal Officer, Social Welfare Department, presided. KSCPC Members Y. Mariswamy, Vanitha, Child Welfare Committee Chairperson H.T. Kamala, Department of Women and Child Welfare Dy. Director K. Radha, Karnataka Adivasi Rakshana Parishat President. Dr. M. Krishnaiah and others were present.

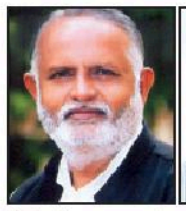
Samarpan Newsletter

gets National recognition

Mysuru, Dec.21- 'Samarpan', a bi-annual (half-yearly) newsletter published by the NSS unit of the University of Mysore (UoM) has been recognised as 'The Best Newsletter' by the Association of Business Communicators of India (ABCI).

By bagging the award, the UoM has earned the distinction of being the first Indian University to win such an award.

Chief Editor of Edition 4, Volume-1 and the then UoM NSS Co-ordinator Dr. K. Kalachannegowda and the current Newsletter Editor and Student Welfare Officer Dr. J. Lohith will receive the award at a function to take place at Taj Hotel in Mumbai on Dec.22, marking the ABCI's 57th Annual Prize Distribution ceremony.



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Lohith

Talk at MYRA on Friday

Dr. Joydeep

Mysuru, Dec.21 - MYRA School of Business in city will be hosting Dr. Joydeep Srivastava, the Robert L. Johnson Professor of Marketing and Supply Chain Management, Fox School of Business, Temple University, USA, for the third time.

Dr. Srivastava is now teaching the 3 credit elective titled 'Consumer Behaviour & Customer Insights' under MYRA's unique immersive learning pedagogy.

This course is targeted at students interested in pursuing careers in general management, marketing, entrepreneurship, business consulting, media and advertising. In addition to teaching course, Dr. Srivastava will be delivering a research talk at MYRA on Dec. 22 at 12.15 pm.

The talk is open to Ph.D. Researchers of Mysuru.

Those interested may send SMS to Rajat Ghosh on Mob: +91 9901583333.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ersatz

Pronunciation: ER-zahts, -sahts, er-ZAHTS, -SAHTS
Meaning: Serving as a substitute; synthetic; artificial; an artificial substance or article used to replace something natural or genuine.
Example: It's an ersatz coffee made from grain.
Origin: Ersatz is borrowed from German, where it derives from the verb ersetzen, "to replace." It entered English in the mid-1800s.

THE ODD WORD

Gabbart

Barge.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Lark about

Meaning: Play the fool, in a childish or careless manner.

Origin: There are several possible derivations of the word 'lark' in this context. 'Larking about' or 'lark about' (sometimes used as 'larking around' or 'lark around') has been used to mean 'getting up to mischief; playing the fool' since at least the middle of the 19th century. At source its origins may well be somewhat earlier than that; how much earlier depends on which of the proposed origins proves to be correct. The principal theories are that either: 'Larking' derives from the Yorkshire dialect word 'lake', meaning 'to amuse oneself'; for example, in a book by William of Palerne, circa 1350: [He] layked him long while to lesten at mere. [listen to merriment] 'The Yorkshire pronunciation of 'lake' sounds like 'laik', which could be mistaken for 'lark' outside the county.
or: 'Larking' derives from 'skylark' and alludes to the well-known aerial acrobatics of the European Skylark. Skylarks were first defined in a rather unlikely source, The Student's Comprehensive Anglo-Bengali Dictionary, Kanta, 1802: Skylarking, the act of running about the rigging of a vessel in sport; frolicking. The first mention of 'larking about' in print comes from an edition of the American magazine The Living Age, 1844: One of the young gentlemen was called Mr.Larkins, and I'm blessed but the name he hailed by tallied exactly with the cast of his figure-head and the trim of his craft, for he was eternally larking about somut or other, and his very face displayed a mixture of fun and mischief. Of the two theories presented above, it does seem that the 'skylarking' origin is by far the more likely.

QUOTE BOX

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.— **Lao Tzu**

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

Answer: Too little, too late.

SUDOKU

		4				1		2
2			6				9	
1	8				5			
4		2	1	7				
				8	3	4		1
			2				6	4
	2				7			5
3		9				2		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	3	5	2	1	4	8	9
2	9	5	6	4	8	3	7	1
8	4	1	3	9	7	5	2	6
4	7	8	1	6	9	2	3	5
1	5	6	7	3	2	8	9	4
3	2	9	8	5	4	1	6	7
5	1	7	2	8	6	9	4	3
6	8	4	9	1	3	7	5	2
9	3	2	4	7	5	6	1	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Is not, slang
5 Put flour, etc., through a sieve
9 ___ out : make last longer?
12 ___ ___ die : persist regardless of danger? (2,2)
13 Huron's neighbour
14 Literary initials
15 Innovatorily creative skill
18 Annoy; torment
19 Coarse stiff hair - "seat" anagram?
20 A letter of the Greek alphabet
22 Handles of swords, daggers etc.
26 Beautified, bedecked or embellished
30 Tells an untruth
31 Girl's name
32 Loosen
34 Compass point?
35 State of agitation
37 Another name for a snake
39 Revoke as a legacy
41 Timothy's petname
42 Flesh of ox
45 Small dog
49 Fail to appreciate the truth about matters
53 Class or kind
54 `D' in EDP?
55 Israeli carrier (2,2)
56 Young man?
57 European duck of a kind?
58 Covered with morning moisture

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	I	D	S	■	J	A	M	B	■	R	S	T
S	L	I	T	■	I	D	O	L	■	U	N	O
B	A	S	E	■	L	A	B	U	R	N	U	M
■	■	P	E	A	T	■	■	F	O	G	G	Y
B	I	L	L	S	■	S	O	F	T	■	■	■
I	D	A	■	K	E	E	L	■	E	D	D	A
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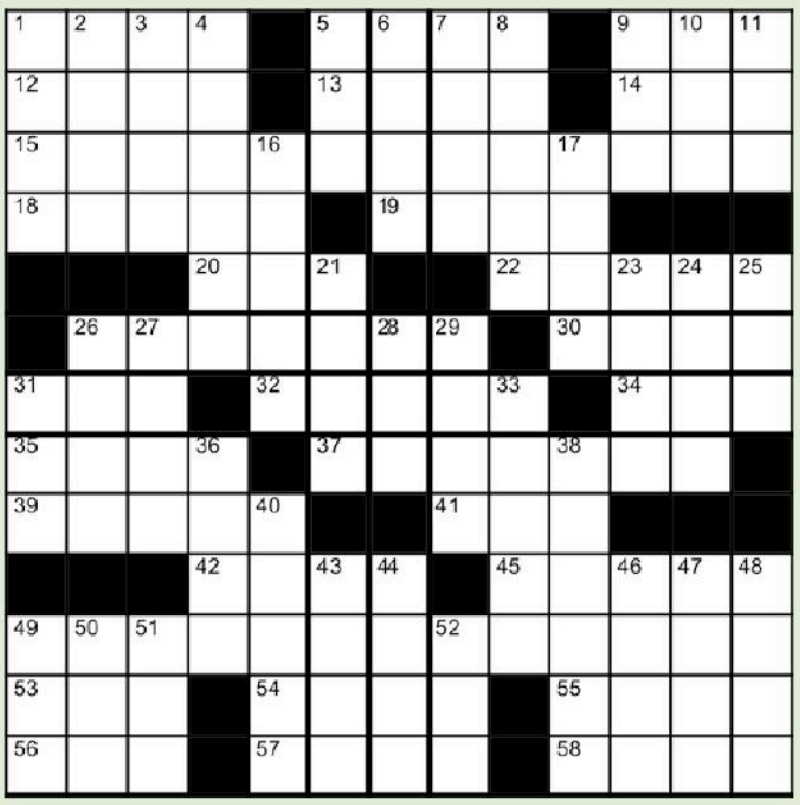
F	I	S	H	■	S	L	E	W	■	A	N	U
■	■	■	E	K	E	S	■	I	N	G	O	T
B	R	A	I	N	■	■	A	N	O	N	■	■
E	A	R	R	I	N	G	S	■	R	O	T	I
E	N	A	■	T	I	R	E	■	T	S	A	R
F	I	B	■	S	H	E	A	■	H	E	M	S

DOWN

1 Mine entrance
2 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
3 Exploding sun
4 Second largest Sicily Island - "coster" anagram?
5 Fix in position
6 Part of the eye
7 `V' for the Romans?
8 You eat with them
9 Poetically contracted form of "earlier"
10 Kilolitres, abbr.
11 The letter "S"
16 His birthday is celebrated as Children's Day in our country
17 Part of a finger
21 Public houses accommodating travellers
23 Legal right
24 Portable shelter or dwelling
25 Compass direction
26 Keen or eager
27 A state of bemusement
28 Estimated Time En route
29 Earth or soil?
31 Letter "E" in Greek alphabet
33 Tales of adventures; myths or sagas
36 An Asian ox
38 Acted poorly
40 Repairs or restores to sound condition?
43 Dutch cheese
44 Honour or entertain lavishly?
46 Breathing sound
47 Bite, chew or crunch
48 Not in a busy way
49 Men in Black, abbr.
50 Intl. Labour Org.
51 The supernal or celestial heaven
52 In the natural unprocessed condition



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DK HYP LK HYF, LIZ ZDKAK'V HKZDEF GT DGV HYFTKVV.

ZDKAK TKYAXP YXJYPV GV HKZDEF GT HYFTKVV. GZ'V

JDYZ FAGWKV HKT HYF, LKGTO HKZDEFGSYX

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you shoot at mimes, should you use a silencer.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
College Kumar	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Sahasa Simha	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Tarak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ajji Lehya	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Bharjari	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Muzaffarnagar	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Bareilly Ki Barfi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Love Hunters	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Raju Gari Gadhi 2	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Mathangi	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Jawaan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm
	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00 pm
		9.45 pm
MCA-Middle Class Abbayi (Te)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm,
		9.50 pm
Ferdinand (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.30 am
Star Wars: The Last Jedi (E-3D)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 4.05 pm
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 4.10 pm, 9.40
Star Wars: The Last Jedi (E-2D)	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 6.25 pm
Ferdinand (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Ferdinand (E-2D)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm
Fukrey Returns (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 6.50 pm, 9.50
	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Maayavan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.50 pm
Hare Krishna !	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Illa (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Juliet Lover of Idiot (Te)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
6:00 pm Bear Grylls	6:30 pm Cricket Countdown	6:00 pm Long Road Home
6:30 Savage Family Diggers	7:00 Follow The Blues	Abandon Hope
7:00 How It's Made	7:30 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2016 H/ls	7:00 World's Most Extreme
7:30 Fail Army	8:00 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2017 H/ls	8:00 Animal Fight Club
8:00 Wild Frank in Africa	8:30 ISL Rewind	9:00 Body Hack : Sherpa
9:00 Fast N' Loud	9:00 Match Point : India vs. Sri Lanka	10:00 Megastructures: BurjKhalifa
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	9:30 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2017 H/s	11:00 World's Most Extreme : Tunnels
6:30 pm Oggy & the Cockroaches	7:00 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Kanishk Ka Chamcha No 1	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:00 Naga Kanyaka	8:00 Nandini
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:30 Shaneeswaran	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandini	9:30 Doddamane Sose
	9:30 Ayalathe Sundari	10:00 Sarayoo
	10:00 Premam	10:30 Udaya Singer Junior

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:50 pm **Tom Yum Goong**	4:46 pm **The Conjuring**	5:23 pm **Ocean's Twelve**
7:02 **Commando**	6:44 **Green Lantern**	7:29 **Blue Lagoon**
9:00 **Captain America: Civil War**	9:00 **Sully**	9:00 **Transformers**
	11:0 **Final Destination 5**	11:39 **The One**
6:27 pm **Jil**	5:03 pm **No.1 Businessman**	4:00 pm **Tan-Badan**
8:55 **Katamarayudu**	7:30 **Best of Zee Cine Awards 2018**	7:00 **Teleshopping**
11:45 **Gambler No.1**	8:00 **Gabbar Sher 2**	8:30 **Ekka Raja Rani**
3:28 pm **The Lost World**	4:00 pm **Point Parimala**	3:20 pm **Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham...**
6:15 **The Shallows**	7:00 **Dhashamukha**	7:55 **Mass Leader**
8:00 **The Incredible Hulk**	10:00 **Nannavalu**	10:35 **Sabse Bada Don**
10:27 **Hulk**	**Nannavalu**	

Impressionz to showcase *'Svasa'* in city on Dec.23, 24

Impressionz will be showcasing Svasa from Chennai for the first time in Mysuru at *Hotel Southern Star* Board Room on Dec.23 and 24 between 11 am and 8 pm.

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EVENTS TODAY (DEC.21)

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Exhibition, Maharaja's College Ground, **up to 9 pm.**

Children's Literary Club, Mysuru: "Imagination on the Run: Children Enact Scenes from Select Stories" - Part 8, Co-ordinated by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Government Girls Hostel, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Lecture on 'Legal Aspects with Environmental Issues' by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Mysuru Rural Regional Officer M.G. Yathish, IEI Past Chairman Dr. T.H. Udayashankara presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse Series by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.22)

Aroma: Cake Festival (La fete de decembre), Christmas Plum Pudding, Caramel Custard Pudding, Chocolate Lava Pudding, Summer Berry Pudding, Jagerry Coconut Pudding, Loyal World Supermarket - V.V. Mohalla / Bannimantap / Infosys / T.K. Layout / Kuvempunagar; Loyal World Market - Mall of Mysore; Aroma lounge - Bogadi Road, adjacent to AIISH / Hebbal Industrial Area; Gayathri Bhavan Building, Dhanvantri Road, **10 am onwards.**

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mysuru District, Department of Collegiate Education, Mysuru, National Service Scheme, UoM: District-level Declamation Contest on 'Patriotism and Nation Building,' the eve of Republic Day-2018, inauguration by MP Pratap Simha, MLA Vasu presides, AV Hall, Maharani's Arts College, **10.30 am.**

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